



## Drug Related Sudden Death

Suspect was arrested for delivery of cocaine and heroine. A victim died as a result of the cocaine/heroin he purchased from the suspect and then used the drugs. How should suspect be charged?

1. Arrest for the delivery charge only
2. Arrest for Negligent Homicide/Manslaughter (drugs being the weapon)

Negligent homicide is classified as *the killing of another person through gross negligence or without malice*. Even though the suspect sold the drugs to the victim, the victim willingly ingested them into his body, causing death. Therefore, the victim was negligent in his use of the drugs, but the suspect was not responsible for the death.

**Suspect should be charged with  
delivery of cocaine/heroin.**